

THE NEXUS

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From Our Pastor

Dear Friends,

Easter comes on April 1st (April Fool's Day) for the first time since 1956. The next occasions Easter will be on April 1st are 2029, 2040 and 2108. As we begin the season of Easter on April Fool's Day, this scripture comes to mind.

“But we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles”
1 Corinthians 1:23

The other day I was working out at the gym and I saw someone with a T-shirt that said “My life was saved by a blood donor”. The T-shirt looked like it was from The Red Cross. How surprised I was when they turned around and there was a rendering of Jesus and the words “The blood of the cross”.

The sacrificial love of Jesus Christ and his blood spilled for us is often a “stumbling block” and “foolishness” to our generation. Perhaps this is because sacrifice and such a love seems so impossible to our time and place. Selfishness and self-centeredness is much easier to understand.

But, we preach Christ crucified and resurrected. Sacrificial love. Amazing grace. Victory in Christ. Especially on April 1st!

Peace,

Pastor Freeborn

Nexus Deadline

The Nexus deadline for the May issue is **Monday, April 23rd**.

Sponsor

This issue of the Nexus is being sponsored by **Bob and Lisa Elliott**. We thank you for your support.

Please let the church office know if you are interested in sponsoring a future issue of the Nexus. The cost is \$35.00.

Cancer Support Group

Have you, your family or friends ever been affected by a cancer diagnosis? Have you finished treatment and are adjusting to what comes next? Do you or someone you know seek support from others with similar experience? Then please join Student Pastor, Nicole Vogel, at the Caring Cancer Community support group meeting **Tuesdays from 10:30-12:00**, in the Senior High Youth room. This support group is open to anyone affected by a cancer diagnosis. This group's mission is to help all people affected by a cancer diagnosis find ways to meet their emotional, physical, spiritual, and mental well-being. There will be flyers available in the narthex if you would like one for yourself, or to share with others. **Please note that the group will not meet on April 3rd**.

Koinonea

The Koinonea group will meet Wednesdays, April 11th and April 25th at 7:00 p.m.

Adult Education Classes

Join Tim Swanson on Sundays at 9:00 am for a 10-week study of "The Mission of Jesus: Triumph of God's Kingdom in a World of Chaos". The class will use a text and video from Ray Vander Laan as a way to illuminate the historical, geographical and cultural context of the sacred Scriptures.

Pastor Freeborn will continue his classes on *Bad Girls of the Bible* periodically throughout the year. Dates for those classes will be announced.



Wedding Anniversaries

Celebrating wedding anniversaries during **April:**

Ronald and Brenda Bruce



Birthdays

Celebrating birthdays during **April:**

Lisa Swanson, Cole Wasylyk, Jen Carmella, Greg Menio Sr., Kelley Stuetz, Mike Silvoy, Elda McCoy Erbe, Carole Emery, Debbie Prince and Walter Emery

Women's Circle

The Women's Circle group will meet on Tuesday, **April 10th** at noon. All women are welcome. Please bring your lunch.

Treasurer and Stewardship Report Through February 28, 2018

Income	\$ 37,126.00
Expenses	\$ 35,152.00
Net	\$ 1,974.00

Year-to-Date Giving:

Pledge Giving:	\$ 23,010.00
Non-Pledge:	\$ 505.00



Family Promise

Family Promise is an interfaith ministry to homeless families with children. ESPC volunteers provide support to Family Promise each time East Stroudsburg United Methodist Church is the host church. We help by providing meals and hospitality. Our next week to provide this support will be the week beginning April 15. If you would like to help with this ministry by cooking or hosting please contact Ellie Buff (570-424-0820).



Annual Yard Sale

Please mark your calendars! Our annual indoor church yard sale is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, May 11 and 12. We can use help with pricing and moving and set up in advance, working the days of the sale, and clean up afterward. To volunteer, please contact Ellie Buff at 570-424-0820. And, of course, we will be looking for wonderful donations from you, your family and friends. Items donated should be CLEAN and ready for sale. Here are some ideas for donations: housewares, furniture, antiques, jewelry, home and holiday decor, sporting goods, tools, books, baby and children's items. Clothing will be accepted the week of the sale.

Please note that we do NOT want TV's, computer equipment, ski equipment, textbooks, encyclopedias, old National Geographics, and things that don't work.

Congratulations...

To Sharon Laverdure on receiving an award from the YMCA for Community Service.

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Coffee Hour April 8th

The next 2nd Sunday Coffee Hour will be April 8th. We are asking the congregation to help supply the goodies. If you are willing and able to bring something in, please let Jen, in the church office, know what you will be contributing. Thank you!



*Happy Easter to all!
Please remember that the church office
will be **closed** on Monday, April 2nd*



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Easter Sunday/ Communion Worship, 10:00 a.m.	2 Easter Monday Church Closed	3	4	5	6	7
8 Adult Ed. 9:00 Worship, 10:00 Coffee Hour, 11:15 Deacon's Meeting, 11:15 Mission Comm. Mtg., 11:15	9	10 Women's Circle, noon	11 K-Group, 7:00 pm	12	13	14
15 Adult Ed. 9:00 Worship, 10:00 a.m.	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Adult Ed. 9:00 Worship, 10:00 a.m. Youth Fellowship, 11:30 a.m.	23	24	25 K-Group, 7:00 pm	26	27	28
29 Worship, 10:00 a.m. Deacon's Coffee, 11:15 Session Mtg., 11:15	30					